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TITLE OF INVENTION: POSITION DETECTION APPARATUS AND ARITHMETIC PROCESSING UNIT

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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 9 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 9 day(s).

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/649,539

Examiner

Jeffrey R. West

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 17 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-15 and 18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jay H. Maioli on March 04, 2004.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 18, line 20, "output an angle signal" has been changed to ---output a smoothed angle signal---.

In claim 18, line 40, "first amplifier means" has been changed to ---first gain-controllable amplifier means---.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 3-15 and 18 are considered allowable over the cited prior art for the following reasons.

U.S. Patent No. 5,140,245 to Stacey discloses a position detection apparatus for generating a signal representing the absolute angular position of a rotating shaft (column 3, lines 4-6) comprising three operational integrators that obtain voltage signals representing phase (column 3, lines 17-25), a phase locked loop containing phase comparators, in the form of

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multiplying digital to analog converters, which receive the phase signal from the operational integrators to generate a phase error signal (column 3, lines 39-54), and a means for generating a total phase error signal using an adder that sums the values of the individual phase errors, and an error integrator, that integrates the phase error signal to obtain a speed/velocity error signal (column 4, lines 4-7). Stacey also includes an absolute value circuit that applies the phase error signal, functioning as a frequency control signal, to a frequency controlled oscillator that generates a periodic pulse signal having a variable frequency proportional to the phase error signal (column 3, lines 54-59), and a low pass filter that filters the high frequency component from the received signal magnitude and outputs the smoothed filtered signal to a comparator for indicating the presence the phase error (column 4, lines 14-19).

Stacey also discloses operation of the phase locked to keep the size of the phase error, output by the multiplying digital to analog converters (as noted above, functioning as a phase comparator), exactly zero. To keep this phase error zero, Stacey describes temporarily increasing or decreasing the frequency (i.e. adjusting the gain, since the gain of the phase integrator is inversely proportional to the frequency (column 3, lines 20-21)) of the of the frequency controlled oscillator, to control the outputted periodic pulse signal, using an absolute value circuit that determines the absolute value of the phase error output by the phase comparator (column 4, lines 65-68). Stacey

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also discloses outputting an angular position of the device being tested (column 3, lines 5-6 and 39-41).

U.S. Patent No. 5,734,172 to Pryor et al. teaches a method and apparatus for determining the dimension, location, and attitude of objects comprising two sensors located on opposite sides of a detection head (column 10, line 66 to column 11, line 6) wherein measurements taken by the sensors, to determine the parameters of a mechanical system that specifically require lead deviation (i.e. amplitude) and angular direction information, can be measured in, or equivalently converted into, polar coordinates (column 7, lines 46-59)

U.S. Patent No. 5,432,443 to Maejima et al. teaches a linear position detector comprising a scale (i.e. a recording medium) that contains a periodic position signal (column 3, lines 54-62 and Figure 3A) read by a pair of detecting heads to detect the longitudinal movement of the scale with respect to each head (column 3, lines 21-24), wherein the second detection head receives a separate signal from the first signal (column 4, lines 10-19) and is spaced apart by a predetermined distance to maintain a phase difference (column 3, lines 43-46). Further, since the detecting heads read a specific periodic signal from the recording medium, it is inherent that the detecting heads travel in the recording direction of the medium.

As noted above, the inventions of Stacey, Pryor et al., and Maejima et al. teach many of the features of the claimed invention. This combination,

however, fails to teach or suggest, in combination with the other claimed limitations of a position detection apparatus, a low pass filter, for removing a high frequency component in an angle signal output from a polar conversion section to output an angle signal having a frequency such that a phase error is zero, comprising a first gain-controllable amplifier means for one of increasing and decreasing a phase error output from a phase comparator, a second gain-controllable amplifier means for one of increasing and decreasing the phase error output from the first amplifier means, an integrator for integrating the phase error output from the second gain-controllable amplifier means to output a velocity error, and an adder for adding the velocity error output from the integrator and the phase error output from the first gain-controllable amplifier means to generate a frequency control signal, wherein the frequency control signal controls a frequency control oscillator.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. West whose telephone number is (703)308-1309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:00-4:30.




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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (703)308-1677. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)308-7382 for regular communications and (703)308-7382 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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